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SUBJECT: DISTURBANCES IN MERIDA FOLLOWING COUP ATTEMPT

REF: MARACAIBO 275

1. CONOFF IN MERIDA REPORTS DISTURBANCES INTENSIFYING IN THE STREETS OF MERIDA. DURING THE MORNING 2 GROUPS OF STUDENTS AND ONLOOKERS CONFRONTED POLICE AND NATIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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GUARD IN THE STREETS. NATIONAL GUARD AND POLICE ARE

ATTEMPTING TO CONTROL THE SITUATION WITH ARMORED VEHICLES

AND TEAR GAS. AS OF 1000 AM THERE HAVE BEEN NO SERIOUS

INJURIES REPORTED.

2. COMMENT STUDENTS AND ONLOOKERS ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF RUMORS AND UNCERTAINTY FOLLOWING COUP ATTEMPT. END COMMENT. JENKS

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